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World Crop Production

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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

WHEAT: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 516.0 million tons, up 2.5 million or less than 1 percent from last month and 5 percent above last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 87.7 million tons, up 2.2 million or 3 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. The rise in production is because of an upward adjustment in average yield now estimated at a record 2.99 tons a hectare, 7 percent above last year's previous record. The production increase this month is based on data released by China's State Statistical Bureau.

- o EC — Production is estimated at a record 76.4 million tons, up 0.4 million or less than 1 percent from last month and 29 percent above last year. An upward adjustment in the estimated average yield in Italy led to the increase in European Community (EC) production.

- o Brazil — Production is estimated at 1.9 million tons, up 0.4 million or 27 percent from last month, but 10 percent below last year. The increase from last month is attributed to a slightly higher harvested area estimate and better than expected yields.

- o Eastern Europe — Production is estimated at a record 41.8 million tons, down 0.4 million or 1 percent from last month, but up 18 percent from last year. Slight decreases in the production estimates occurred in Poland and East Germany.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 797.1 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than one percent from last month and 16 percent above last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o EC — Production is estimated at a record 74.8 million tons, up 1.4 million or 2 percent from last month and up 17 percent from last year. Larger corn crops in Greece and France and an increase in barley production in the U.K. and France led to the increase in European Community (EC) production.

- o Eastern Europe — Production is estimated at a record 72.7 million tons, up 1.0 million or 1 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. A rise in the rye crop in Poland accounted for most of the increase in Eastern European production.

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at 19.1 million tons, up 0.6 million or 3 percent from last month and up 7 percent from last year's crop. The increase from last month was primarily in corn, now estimated at 11.0 million tons. Corn yield is forecast higher than previously expected. Also, a higher percentage of total corn area will likely be harvested for grain. Harvesting of this year's corn crop is well underway throughout the main growing areas.

- o Zimbabwe — Production is estimated at a record 2.7 million tons, up 0.4 million or 17 percent from last month and up 59 percent from last year's drought-devastated crop. The increase from last month was in corn, now estimated at 2.4 million tons. Favorable weather led to the increase in estimated corn yield.

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 95.3 million tons, down 2.2 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year. The decrease from last month was mostly in barley, now estimated at 7.0 million tons. Reductions from last month were also made in millet and sorghum.

- o Brazil — Production is estimated at 21.0 million tons, down 1.0 million or 5 percent from last month and 2 percent below last year. The decrease from last month was all in corn, now estimated at 20.5 million tons. The decline in corn production is due to lower than expected area and yield in southern growing areas.

- o Philippines — Production is estimated at 3.4 million tons, down 0.4 million or 10 percent from last month, and equal to last year's record crop. The reduction from last month was in corn, the only significant coarse grain grown, and reflects dry weather in northern Luzon, some parts of Visayas and central Mindanao.

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 316.6 million tons, up 2.8 million or less than 1 percent from last month and 3 percent above a year ago. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 124.7 million tons, up 1.5 million or 1 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. An increase in estimated average yield led to the rise in production. The production change from last month reflects China's official data.

- o India — Production is estimated at 59.5 million tons, up 1.0 million or 2 percent from last month and just slightly below last year's record crop. The effect of drought in central and northwestern states is seen as only marginal and offset by higher rice production in other states.

- o Indonesia — Production is estimated at a record 25.8 million tons, up 0.8 million or 3 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year's crop. An increase in estimated area led to the rise in production.

- o Japan — Production is estimated at 10.4 million tons, down 0.4 million or 4 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year's crop. A slight decrease in the estimated area and average yield led to the drop in production from last month. However, excellent weather during critical growing periods and the absence of typhoons have resulted in high yields and a bumper crop.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 186.5 million tons, up 2.5 million or 1 percent from a month ago and up 12 percent from 1983/84.

*Soybeans: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 89.7 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at 6.6 million tons, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and the same as last year's record crop. An upward adjustment in expected average yield led to the increase in production.

- o China — Production is estimated at 9.7 million tons, down 0.3 million or 3 percent from last month and down marginally from last year's record of 9.8 million. This month's adjustment reflects China's official data.

*Cottonseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 34.1 million tons, up 1.1 million or 3 percent from last month and up 25 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 12.2 million tons, up 0.9 million or 8 percent from last month and up 31 percent from last year. Favorable weather during the season led to record yields.

- o Pakistan — Production is estimated at a record 1.9 million tons, up 0.3 million from last month and up 90 percent from last year. Higher projected average yield is attributed to favorable weather and improved pest control.

*Sunflowerseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 17.3 million tons, up 0.5 million or 3 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 1.7 million tons, up 0.3 million or 17 percent from last month and up 24 percent from last year.

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at a record 3.0 million tons, up 0.2 million or 7 percent from last month and up 36 percent from last year. Record yields are being reported from early harvested fields.

*Peanuts: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 20.1 million tons, up 0.5 million or 3 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 4.8 million tons, up 0.4 million tons or 8 percent from last month and up 22 percent from last year. The production increase is attributed to an official release by China.

*Rapeseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 16.3 million tons, up 0.2 million from last month and up 14 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at 4.2 million tons, up 0.2 million or 5 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. The revision in production reflects official statistics released by China.

*Flaxseed: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 2.3 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 2 percent from last year.

*Copra: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at 4.6 million tons, unchanged from last month, but 17 percent above last year.

*Palm Kernels: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 2.1 million tons, down 1 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year.

*Palm Oil: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 6.9 million tons, down slightly from last month, but up 13 percent from last year.

COTTON: World production for 1984/85 is estimated at a record 84.3 million bales, up 2.5 million or 3 percent from last month and 25 percent more than a year ago. Foreign output is projected at a record 71.0 million bales, 19 percent above 1983/84. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at a record 27.9 million bales, up 1.9 million or 7 percent from last month and 31 percent above last year. This month's estimate is based on official State Statistical Bureau data.
- o Pakistan — Production is estimated at a record 4.5 million bales, up 0.5 million or 13 percent from last month and 106 percent above last season's pest-infested crop. Favorable weather and more efficient production practices resulted in higher yields.

This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield and production are from USDA's Crop Reporting Board. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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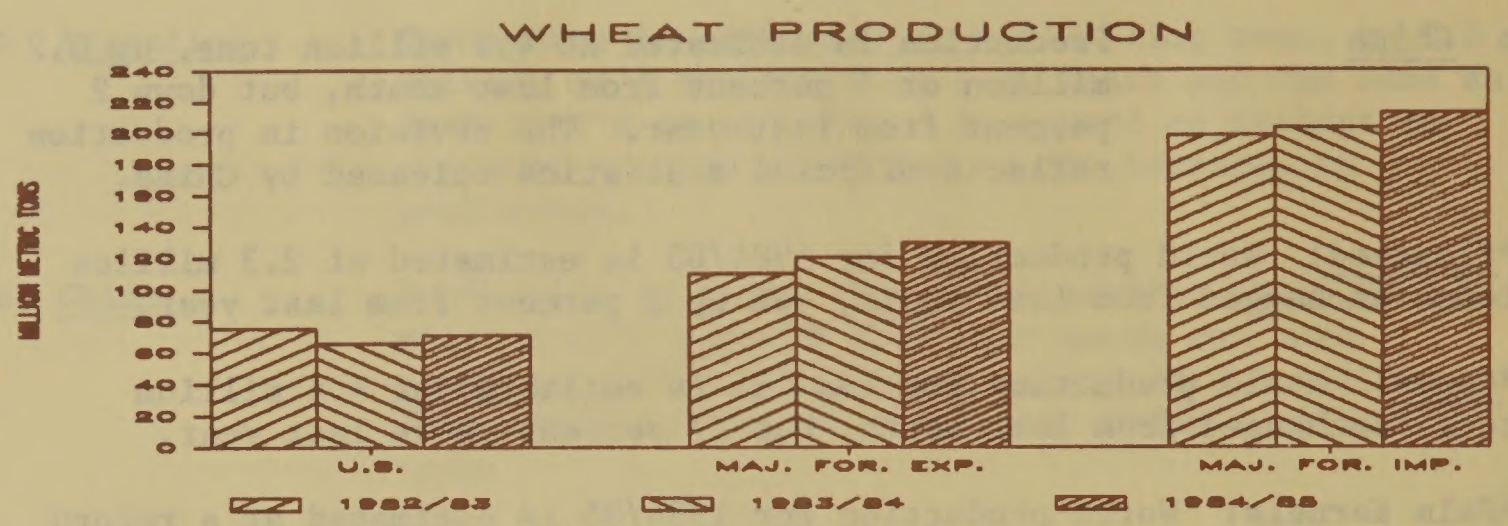

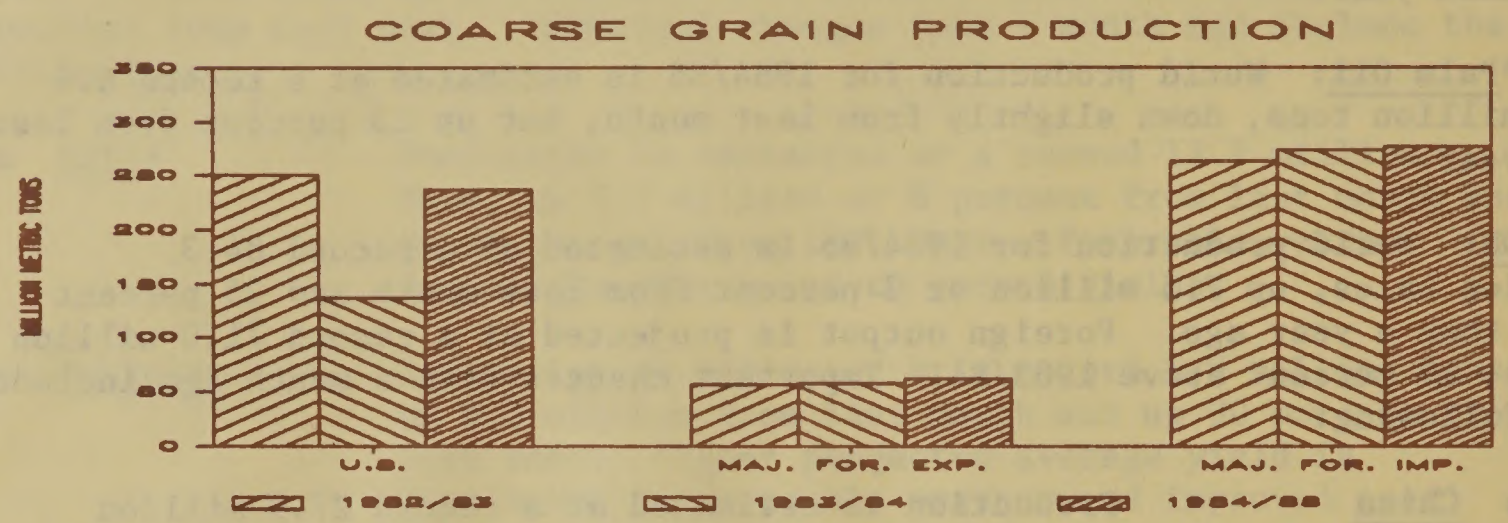

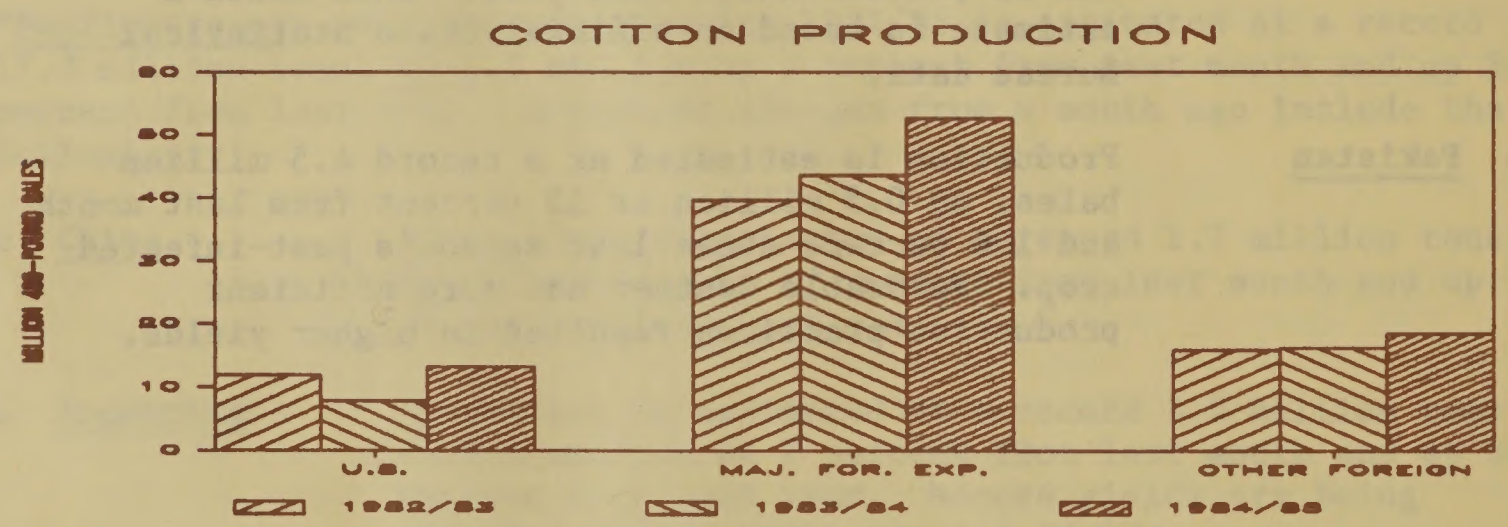

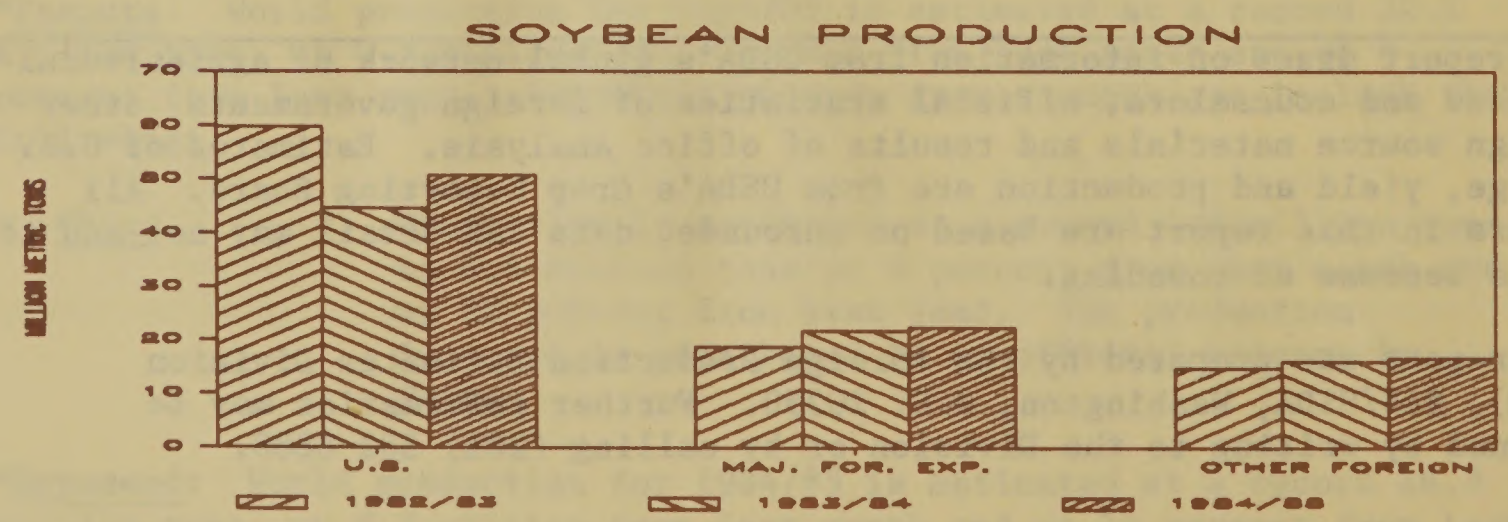

Categories for major foreign exporters and major foreign importers are defined in the respective commodity tables contained in this report.

World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America: United States	North America: Canada	North America: Mexico	Europe: EC-10	Europe: Oth. W. Europe	Europe: Eastern Europe	USSR	Asia: China	Asia: India	Asia: Indonesia	Asia: Pakistan	Asia: Thailand	South America: Argentina	South America: Brazil	Selected Other Countries: Australia	Selected Other Countries: South Africa	Selected Other Countries: Turkey	All Other Countries
	---Million Metric Tons---																			
Wheat																				
1982/83	478.6	403.4	75.3	26.7	4.2	59.8	8.5	34.7	86.0	68.4	37.5	.0	11.3	.0	14.5	1.8	8.9	2.4	13.8	24.8
1983/84 prel.	489.4	423.5	65.9	26.6	3.2	59.1	8.9	35.4	78.0	81.4	42.8	.0	12.4	.0	12.3	2.1	21.9	1.8	13.3	24.3
1984/85 proj.																				
February	513.5	442.8	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.0	10.9	42.2	75.0	85.5	45.1	.0	10.9	.0	12.7	1.5	18.5	2.2	13.3	23.5
March	516.0	445.4	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.4	10.9	41.8	75.0	87.7	45.1	.0	10.9	.0	12.7	1.9	18.5	2.2	13.3	23.5
Coarse Grains																				
1982/83	777.6	526.9	250.7	26.5	10.2	71.6	21.9	71.8	86.0	82.4	27.9	3.2	1.6	3.7	18.2	19.9	3.9	4.5	8.7	64.8
1983/84 prel.	689.0	551.9	137.1	21.0	13.8	64.0	22.1	67.2	105.0	91.3	34.1	5.1	1.6	4.3	17.9	21.5	9.3	5.2	7.6	60.9
1984/85 proj.																				
February	796.9	559.9	237.0	22.0	13.8	73.4	29.3	71.7	84.0	97.5	31.3	4.0	1.7	4.9	18.5	22.0	8.7	7.3	7.9	62.0
March	797.1	559.9	237.1	21.9	13.8	74.8	29.3	72.7	84.0	95.3	31.3	4.0	1.7	4.9	19.1	21.0	8.5	7.3	7.9	62.4
Rice (Milled)																				
1982/83	285.5	280.6	4.9	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	112.9	47.1	22.8	3.4	11.1	0.2	5.3	0.4	.0	0.2	74.0
1983/84 prel.	307.0	303.8	3.2	.0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	1.6	118.2	59.8	24.0	3.3	12.9	0.3	6.1	0.5	.0	0.2	75.4
1984/85 proj.																				
February	313.8	309.4	4.4	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	123.2	58.5	25.0	3.4	12.2	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	76.7
March	316.6	312.2	4.4	.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	1.6	124.7	59.5	25.8	3.4	12.2	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	76.2
Total Grains 1/																				
1982/83	1,541.8	1,210.8	330.9	53.3	14.7	132.1	30.8	106.7	173.6 1/	263.7	112.4	26.1	16.4	14.8	32.9	27.1	13.2	6.9	22.7	163.5
1983/84 prel.	1,485.4	1,279.2	206.2	47.6	17.3	123.8	31.2	102.7	184.6 1/	290.9	136.6	29.1	17.4	17.2	30.5	29.7	31.7	7.0	21.2	160.7
1984/85 proj.																				
February	1,624.1	1,312.1	312.0	43.2	18.3	150.2	40.6	114.0	160.6 1/	306.2	134.9	29.0	16.0	17.1	31.5	29.6	27.8	9.6	21.4	162.2
March	1,629.7	1,317.5	312.2	43.1	18.3	151.9	40.6	114.6	160.6 1/	307.7	135.9	29.8	16.0	17.1	32.0	29.0	27.6	9.6	21.4	162.1
Oilseeds 2/																				
1982/83	178.2	110.1	68.2	3.9	0.9	3.6	1.4	4.0	11.1	27.1	11.3	1.4	2.0	0.3	7.5	16.2	0.4	0.4	1.5	17.0
1983/84 prel.	166.3	115.9	50.4	3.9	1.0	3.8	1.3	4.2	10.5	28.6	13.7	1.5	1.4	0.4	10.1	16.4	0.5	0.4	1.6	16.5
1984/85 proj.																				
February	183.9	124.6	59.3	4.9	1.1	5.0	1.6	4.6	10.0	31.2	13.4	1.4	2.0	0.4	10.3	17.5	0.8	0.7	1.8	18.0
March	186.5	127.1	59.3	4.9	1.1	5.2	1.7	4.6	10.0	32.6	13.4	1.5	2.3	0.4	10.7	17.5	0.8	0.7	1.8	18.1
	--Million 480-Pound Bales---																			
Cotton																				
1982/83	67.5	55.5	12.0	.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	11.9	16.5	6.3	.0	3.8	0.2	0.5	3.0	0.5	0.1	2.2	8.8
1983/84 prel.	67.6	59.9	7.8	.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	12.3	21.3	5.9	.0	2.2	0.2	0.8	2.6	0.6	0.2	2.4	9.6
1984/85 proj.																				
February	81.8	68.5	13.3	.0	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	11.7	26.0	6.5	.0	4.0	0.2	0.7	3.7	0.9	0.2	2.7	9.6
March	84.3	71.0	13.3	.0	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	11.7	27.9	6.5	.0	4.5	0.2	0.7	3.7	0.9	0.2	2.7	9.7

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 180 mil. tons in 1982/83, 195 mil. in 1983/84, and 170 mil. forecast in 1984/85.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production *

Commodity	Harvested Area 1982/83	Harvested Area Prel. 1983/84	Harvested Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	77.9	61.4	66.9	35.5	39.4	38.8	38.8	2,765	2,420	2,595	2,595
Winter	57.6	47.6	51.5	36.0	41.8	40.0	40.0	2,074	1,988	2,061	2,061
Other	20.3	13.8	15.4	34.1	31.3	34.7	34.7	691	432	535	535
Rye	0.7	0.9	1.0	28.9	30.3	33.0	33.0	20	27	32	32
Corn	72.7	51.5	71.8	113.2	81.1	106.6	106.6	8,235	4,175	7,650	7,656
Sorghum	14.1	10.0	15.3	59.1	48.7	56.4	56.4	835	488	866	866
Barley	9.0	9.7	11.2	57.2	52.3	53.4	53.4	516	509	597	597
Oats	10.3	9.1	8.1	57.8	52.6	58.1	58.1	593	477	472	472
Tot. Feedgrains	106.1	80.3	106.5	95.9	70.3	90.1	90.1	10,179	5,648	9,584	9,591
Soybeans	69.4	62.5	66.1	31.5	26.2	28.2	28.2	2,190	1,636	1,861	1,861
				---Pounds per Acre---				---Million CWT.---			
Rice	3.3	2.2	2.8	4,710	4,598	4,926	4,926	153.6	99.7	137.0	137.0
								---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	9.7	7.3	10.5	590	508	610	610	12.0	7.8	13.3	13.3

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops *

Year	Wheat Winter	Wheat Other	Wheat Total	Rye	Rice	Feedgrains Corn	Feedgrains Sorghum	Feedgrains Barley	Feedgrains Oats	Feedgrains Total	Soybeans	All Cotton	Total Maj. Crops
	--Million Acres--												
1982/83	65.5	20.7	86.2	2.5	3.3	81.9	16.0	9.5	14.0	121.4	70.9	11.3	295.7
1983/84 prel.	62.1	14.3	76.4	2.7	2.2	60.2	11.9	10.4	20.3	102.8	63.8	7.9	255.8
1984/85 proj.													
February	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.4	17.2	11.9	12.4	121.9	67.7	11.1	285.8
March	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.4	17.2	11.9	12.4	121.9	67.7	11.1	285.8

* Estimates from USDA Crop Reporting Board.

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Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	238.5	228.8	231.7	2.01	2.14	2.22	2.23	478.6	489.4	513.5	516.0
United States	31.5	24.8	27.1	2.39	2.65	2.61	2.61	75.3	65.9	70.6	70.6
Total Foreign	206.9	204.0	204.6	1.95	2.08	2.16	2.18	403.4	423.5	442.8	445.4
Maj. Foreign Exporters	44.4	46.6	44.9	2.48	2.57	2.86	2.87	109.9	119.9	128.4	128.9
Argentina	7.3	6.9	5.9	1.98	1.79	2.15	2.15	14.5	12.3	12.7	12.7
Australia	11.5	12.9	12.2	0.77	1.70	1.52	1.52	8.9	21.9	18.5	18.5
Canada	12.6	13.7	13.2	2.13	1.94	1.61	1.61	26.7	26.6	21.2	21.2
EC-10	13.0	13.2	13.7	4.60	4.50	5.56	5.60	59.8	59.1	76.0	76.4
Major Importers	102.6	96.1	98.3	1.93	2.11	2.14	2.17	198.0	203.1	210.7	212.9
Brazil	2.8	1.9	1.9	0.65	1.11	0.81	1.00	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.9
China	27.9	29.1	29.4	2.45	2.80	2.91	2.99	68.4	81.4	85.5	87.7
Eastern Europe	9.4	9.8	9.9	3.69	3.62	4.25	4.22	34.7	35.4	42.2	41.8
Egypt	0.6	0.6	0.5	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.70	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8
Other N. Africa *	4.3	4.6	4.9	0.97	0.76	0.82	0.82	4.2	3.5	4.0	4.0
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.25	3.03	3.19	3.19	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
USSR	57.3	50.0	51.5	1.50	1.56	1.46	1.46	86.0	78.0	75.0	75.0
Other Foreign	60.0	61.2	61.4	1.59	1.64	1.69	1.69	95.5	100.5	103.7	103.6
India	22.1	23.6	24.4	1.69	1.82	1.85	1.85	37.5	42.8	45.1	45.1
Iran	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.92	0.91	0.87	0.87	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2
Mexico	1.0	0.8	1.0	4.42	3.81	4.42	4.42	4.2	3.2	4.2	4.2
Non-EC W. Europe	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.20	2.29	3.06	3.14	8.5	8.9	10.9	10.9
Pakistan	7.2	7.3	7.4	1.57	1.69	1.48	1.48	11.3	12.4	10.9	10.9
South Africa	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.23	1.00	1.17	1.17	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.2
Turkey	8.6	8.7	8.6	1.60	1.53	1.55	1.55	13.8	13.3	13.3	13.3
Others	9.2	9.3	8.7	1.34	1.38	1.37	1.35	12.3	12.8	11.7	11.7

* Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	332.4	329.2	332.9	2.34	2.09	2.38	2.39	777.6	689.0	796.9	797.1
United States	43.2	32.9	43.5	5.80	4.17	5.45	5.45	250.7	137.1	237.0	237.1
Total Foreign	289.2	296.3	289.4	1.82	1.86	1.92	1.93	526.9	551.9	559.9	559.9
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.6	26.7	27.0	2.14	2.16	2.27	2.28	56.8	57.7	61.4	61.7
Argentina	6.4	6.2	6.2	2.86	2.90	2.98	3.06	18.2	17.9	18.5	19.1
Australia	4.5	5.8	5.7	0.87	1.61	1.49	1.48	3.9	9.3	8.7	8.5
Canada	8.9	7.8	8.0	3.00	2.70	2.74	2.74	26.5	21.0	22.0	21.9
South Africa	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.93	1.08	1.57	1.54	4.5	5.2	7.3	7.3
Thailand	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.78	2.00	2.15	2.15	3.7	4.3	4.9	4.9
Major Importers	109.4	113.1	108.8	2.40	2.42	2.51	2.54	263.0	273.6	273.7	276.1
Eastern Europe	19.4	19.0	19.0	3.71	3.54	3.76	3.83	71.8	67.2	71.7	72.7
EC-10	15.1	14.4	14.1	4.74	4.44	5.21	5.29	71.6	64.0	73.4	74.8
Other W. Europe	9.0	8.8	9.3	2.45	2.51	3.11	3.14	21.9	22.1	29.3	29.3
Mexico	7.4	8.3	8.2	1.38	1.67	1.69	1.69	10.2	13.8	13.8	13.8
USSR	58.0	62.1	57.6	1.48	1.69	1.46	1.46	86.0	105.0	84.0	84.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.72	2.75	2.77	2.76	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6
Other Foreign	153.3	156.5	153.6	1.35	1.41	1.45	1.45	207.1	220.6	224.8	222.1
Brazil	11.4	13.1	12.6	1.74	1.65	1.71	1.67	19.9	21.5	22.0	21.0
China	29.3	29.6	29.1	2.81	3.08	3.18	3.27	82.4	91.3	97.5	95.3
India	40.7	41.7	41.3	0.69	0.82	0.76	0.76	27.9	34.1	31.3	31.3
Indonesia	2.1	3.0	2.5	1.57	1.69	1.60	1.60	3.2	5.1	4.0	4.0
Nigeria	8.3	8.5	8.4	1.12	0.78	1.03	1.03	9.2	6.6	8.7	8.7
Philippines	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.99	1.02	1.10	1.00	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.4
Turkey	4.3	3.9	4.0	2.01	1.98	1.95	1.95	8.7	7.6	7.9	7.9
Others	54.0	53.5	52.2	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.97	52.6	51.1	49.7	50.5
BARLEY											
World	78.7	79.2	77.5	2.09	2.13	2.20	2.23	164.5	169.0	172.5	172.7
United States	3.6	3.9	4.5	3.08	2.81	2.87	2.87	11.2	11.1	13.0	13.0
Total Foreign	75.0	75.2	73.0	2.04	2.10	2.16	2.19	153.2	157.9	159.5	159.8
Australia	2.5	3.2	3.7	0.79	1.56	1.48	1.48	1.9	4.9	5.5	5.5
Canada	5.1	4.4	4.5	2.71	2.37	2.25	2.25	14.0	10.3	10.3	10.3
China	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.71	2.71	2.20	2.84	6.9	6.9	8.4	7.0
Eastern Europe	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.46	3.41	3.84	4.01	17.4	15.2	17.1	17.8
EC-10	9.3	8.9	8.5	4.44	4.07	5.13	5.18	41.3	36.1	43.6	44.2
Other W. Europe	5.5	5.5	5.9	2.14	2.32	3.04	3.04	11.7	12.8	17.8	17.8
Turkey	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.04	2.00	1.93	1.93	6.4	5.4	5.6	5.6
USSR	29.7	31.4	29.1	1.38	1.73	1.39	1.39	41.0	54.2	40.5	40.5
Others	12.2	12.2	11.4	1.03	0.99	0.98	0.97	12.6	12.1	10.8	11.1

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	123.9	120.1	126.2	3.53	2.91	3.52	3.53	437.7	350.0	445.1	445.3
United States	29.4	20.8	29.1	7.11	5.09	6.69	6.69	209.2	106.0	194.3	194.5
Total Foreign	94.5	99.3	97.2	2.42	2.46	2.57	2.58	228.5	244.0	250.8	250.8
Maj. Foreign Exporters	8.9	8.9	9.1	1.86	2.02	2.39	2.41	16.5	17.9	21.5	22.0
Argentina	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.03	3.14	3.28	3.38	9.0	9.5	10.5	11.0
South Africa	4.1	4.0	3.9	1.00	1.12	1.71	1.67	4.1	4.4	6.5	6.5
Thailand	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.86	2.11	2.25	2.25	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
Major Importers	21.3	22.9	21.9	3.83	3.63	3.69	3.71	81.4	83.2	80.8	81.1
Eastern Europe	7.1	7.3	7.4	5.15	4.61	4.69	4.67	36.3	33.7	34.9	34.6
EC-10	3.0	3.0	3.1	6.63	6.51	6.33	6.50	19.8	19.6	19.4	20.1
Other W. Europe	1.0	0.9	1.0	4.53	4.27	4.47	4.64	4.5	3.8	4.6	4.5
Mexico	6.0	6.5	6.5	1.17	1.43	1.46	1.46	7.0	9.3	9.5	9.5
USSR	4.2	5.1	3.8	3.24	3.24	3.18	3.18	13.5	16.5	12.1	12.1
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.67	3.24	3.47	3.47	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Foreign	64.3	67.5	66.2	2.03	2.12	2.23	2.23	130.6	142.8	148.5	147.7
Brazil	11.1	12.7	12.2	1.76	1.65	1.72	1.68	19.5	21.0	21.5	20.5
Canada	1.1	1.1	1.2	5.88	5.52	5.89	5.89	6.5	5.9	7.0	7.0
China	18.5	18.8	18.6	3.26	3.62	3.90	3.90	60.3	68.2	72.5	72.5
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.12	4.64	4.68	4.68	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.6
India	5.7	5.9	5.8	1.14	1.35	1.24	1.24	6.5	7.9	7.2	7.2
Indonesia	2.1	3.0	2.5	1.57	1.69	1.60	1.60	3.2	5.1	4.0	4.0
Philippines	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.99	1.02	1.10	1.00	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.4
Zimbabwe	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.76	0.95	1.43	1.71	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.4
Others	20.6	20.4	20.3	1.31	1.29	1.32	1.33	27.0	26.3	26.9	27.1
SORGHUM											
World	44.8	42.9	44.3	1.45	1.35	1.49	1.49	64.9	57.8	66.3	65.9
United States	5.7	4.0	6.2	3.71	3.06	3.54	3.54	21.2	12.4	22.0	22.0
Total Foreign	39.1	38.9	38.1	1.12	1.17	1.16	1.15	43.7	45.4	44.3	43.9
Argentina	2.5	2.4	2.2	3.18	3.10	3.18	3.18	8.0	7.4	7.0	7.0
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.36	2.46	1.81	1.73	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.3
China	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.50	2.70	2.80	2.76	7.0	7.6	7.5	7.4
India	16.4	16.3	16.3	0.66	0.73	0.70	0.70	10.8	11.9	11.3	11.3
Mexico	1.1	1.4	1.3	2.55	2.86	2.92	2.92	2.8	4.0	3.8	3.8
Nigeria	3.2	3.1	3.2	1.30	0.86	1.14	1.14	4.1	2.7	3.7	3.7
South Africa	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.05	1.80	1.88	1.84	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6
Sudan	3.6	3.6	3.2	0.53	0.51	0.41	0.38	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.2
Thailand	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.06	1.19	1.35	1.35	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
Others	8.4	8.1	7.9	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.3

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.
2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production (Rough Basis) 1982/83	Production (Rough Basis) Prel. 1983/84	Production (Rough Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production (Rough Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Milling Rate 1982/83	Milling Rate Prel. 1983/84	Milling Rate 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Milling Rate 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production (Milled Basis) 1982/83	Production (Milled Basis) Prel. 1983/84	Production (Milled Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production (Milled Basis) 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
	Million Hectares			Metric Tons Per Hectare				Million Metric Tons				In Percent				Million Metric Tons			
World	141.1	144.6	144.2	2.97	3.12	3.20	3.22	419.3	451.2	460.6	464.7	68.10	68.04	68.13	68.12	285.5	307.0	313.8	316.6
United States	1.3	0.9	1.1	5.28	5.15	5.52	5.52	7.0	4.5	6.2	6.2	71.00	71.10	71.00	71.00	4.9	3.2	4.4	4.4
Total Foreign	139.8	143.7	143.0	2.95	3.11	3.18	3.21	412.3	446.7	454.4	458.5	68.05	68.01	68.09	68.08	280.6	303.8	309.4	312.2
Maj. Foreign Exporters	15.9	16.5	15.9	2.29	2.37	2.39	2.39	36.4	39.0	38.1	38.1	64.70	64.79	64.75	64.75	23.6	25.3	24.6	24.6
Burma	4.6	4.7	4.7	3.15	3.08	3.07	3.07	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Pakistan	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.62	2.51	2.52	2.52	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.1	66.60	66.60	66.60	66.60	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4
Thailand	9.4	9.8	9.2	1.80	2.00	2.01	2.01	16.9	19.6	18.5	18.5	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	11.1	12.9	12.2	12.2
Major Importers	11.8	12.0	12.6	3.89	3.96	4.01	4.03	45.7	47.5	49.7	50.9	68.23	68.24	68.33	68.32	31.2	32.4	33.9	34.8
EC-10	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.34	5.59	5.60	5.64	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	64.82	63.09	64.90	64.78	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Other W. Europe	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.34	4.96	5.82	5.91	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	68.62	68.37	68.74	68.87	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Indonesia	9.0	9.2	9.6	3.74	3.85	3.91	3.94	33.6	35.3	36.8	38.0	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	22.8	24.0	25.0	25.8
Nigeria	0.6	0.6	0.7	2.30	2.03	2.02	2.02	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.15	6.20	6.47	6.47	7.3	7.6	8.0	8.0	70.82	71.03	71.29	71.29	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.7
Other Maj. Import. *	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.71	2.56	2.38	2.38	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	65.42	65.64	65.49	65.49	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other Foreign	112.2	115.3	114.5	2.94	3.13	3.20	3.23	330.2	360.2	366.6	369.6	68.39	68.33	68.40	68.40	225.8	246.1	250.8	252.8
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.45	5.24	6.88	6.47	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
Bangladesh	10.6	10.5	9.8	2.02	2.06	2.21	2.21	21.3	21.8	21.6	21.6	66.60	66.60	66.60	66.60	14.2	14.5	14.4	14.4
Brazil	5.4	6.0	6.0	1.46	1.50	1.50	1.50	7.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.1
China	33.1	33.1	33.0	4.88	5.10	5.33	5.40	161.2	168.9	176.0	178.1	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	112.9	118.2	123.2	124.7
India	38.3	41.0	41.2	1.85	2.19	2.13	2.17	70.7	89.7	87.8	89.3	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	47.1	59.8	58.5	59.5
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.3	5.69	5.70	6.39	6.16	12.8	13.0	14.8	14.2	72.80	72.80	72.80	72.80	9.3	9.4	10.8	10.4
Philippines	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.39	2.50	2.39	2.49	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2
USSR	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.70	4.17	4.17	4.17	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Vietnam	5.7	5.7	5.7	2.42	2.46	2.42	2.42	13.8	14.0	13.8	13.8	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0
Others	13.0	12.8	12.6	2.45	2.59	2.57	2.57	31.8	33.0	32.4	32.3	66.09	66.21	66.17	66.19	21.0	21.8	21.5	21.4

* Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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	---Million Hectares---			---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---			
World	31.7	31.3	34.0	463	470	525	539	67.5	67.6	81.8	84.3
United States	3.9	3.0	4.2	661	569	684	684	12.0	7.8	13.3	13.3
Total Foreign	27.8	28.4	29.8	435	459	502	519	55.5	59.9	68.5	71.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.2	13.5	14.4	653	701	762	796	39.6	43.6	50.2	52.6
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.2	1052	1037	1055	1055	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.2	854	764	767	767	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
China	5.8	6.1	6.5	616	763	871	935	16.5	21.3	26.0	27.9
Egypt	0.4	0.4	0.4	1031	991	940	940	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
Mexico	0.2	0.2	0.3	921	922	850	850	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3
Pakistan	2.3	2.2	2.3	364	214	381	419	3.8	2.2	4.0	4.5
Sudan	0.4	0.4	0.4	533	538	538	538	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Turkey	0.6	0.6	0.8	822	850	781	781	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.7
USSR	3.2	3.2	3.2	815	838	789	789	11.9	12.3	11.7	11.7
Major Importers 2/	0.2	0.3	0.3	695	697	703	703	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Other Foreign	14.3	14.6	15.1	230	231	251	251	15.1	15.5	17.4	17.4
Argentina	0.4	0.5	0.5	310	353	337	337	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7
Brazil	2.1	2.0	2.2	308	286	360	360	3.0	2.6	3.7	3.7
India	7.9	7.8	7.9	175	165	179	179	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.5
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.2	994	1099	902	902	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Others	3.8	4.2	4.3	261	277	290	292	4.6	5.3	5.7	5.8

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.
2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	52.11	50.38	52.57	1.79	1.63	1.71	1.71	93.26	82.35	89.54	89.72
United States	28.10	25.30	26.75	2.12	1.76	1.89	1.89	59.61	44.52	50.64	50.64
Total Foreign	24.01	25.08	25.82	1.40	1.51	1.51	1.51	33.65	37.83	38.90	39.08
Maj. Foreign Exporters	10.42	12.07	12.25	1.80	1.81	1.80	1.82	18.75	21.80	22.10	22.30
Argentina	2.28	2.75	2.95	1.75	2.40	2.17	2.24	4.00	6.60	6.40	6.60
Brazil	8.14	9.32	9.30	1.81	1.63	1.69	1.69	14.75	15.20	15.70	15.70
Other Foreign	13.59	13.01	13.57	1.10	1.23	1.25	1.24	14.90	16.03	16.80	16.78
Canada	0.36	0.36	0.42	2.33	1.98	2.24	2.24	0.85	0.72	0.93	0.93
China	8.41	7.57	7.70	1.07	1.29	1.30	1.26	9.03	9.77	10.00	9.70
Eastern Europe	0.45	0.50	0.53	1.50	1.51	1.35	1.35	0.67	0.76	0.71	0.71
India	0.77	0.81	0.90	0.64	0.72	0.83	0.83	0.49	0.58	0.75	0.75
Indonesia	0.63	0.70	0.78	0.92	0.89	0.85	0.85	0.58	0.63	0.66	0.66
Mexico	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.57	1.71	1.57	1.57	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.55
Paraguay	0.35	0.42	0.47	1.49	1.31	1.51	1.60	0.52	0.55	0.65	0.75
USSR	0.88	0.85	0.89	0.57	0.66	0.56	0.56	0.50	0.56	0.50	0.50
Others	1.39	1.44	1.53	1.23	1.30	1.37	1.45	1.71	1.86	2.04	2.22
COTTONSEED											
World	31.65	31.29	34.01	0.86	0.87	0.97	1.00	27.37	27.20	32.98	34.13
United States	3.94	2.97	4.23	1.09	0.94	1.14	1.14	4.30	2.79	4.81	4.81
Total Foreign	27.71	28.32	29.78	0.83	0.86	0.95	0.98	23.06	24.41	28.17	29.32
China	5.83	6.08	6.50	1.23	1.53	1.74	1.87	7.20	9.28	11.30	12.15
India	7.87	7.77	7.90	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.34	2.70	2.60	2.70	2.70
Pakistan	2.26	2.22	2.34	0.73	0.46	0.73	0.83	1.65	1.02	1.67	1.94
USSR	3.19	3.19	3.23	1.60	1.44	1.45	1.45	5.09	4.60	4.68	4.68
Others	8.56	9.07	9.81	0.75	0.76	0.80	0.80	6.42	6.91	7.83	7.85
PEANUTS											
World	17.77	17.85	18.05	0.98	1.06	1.08	1.11	17.46	18.87	19.55	20.05
United States	0.52	0.56	0.61	3.02	2.69	3.27	3.27	1.56	1.50	2.01	2.01
Total Foreign	17.26	17.30	17.43	0.92	1.00	1.01	1.04	15.90	17.38	17.55	18.05
Brazil	0.21	0.15	0.21	1.19	1.47	1.29	1.29	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.27
China	2.42	2.20	2.39	1.62	1.80	1.86	2.01	3.92	3.95	4.45	4.81
India	7.22	7.64	7.50	0.73	0.95	0.87	0.87	5.28	7.28	6.50	6.50
Senegal	1.12	0.97	0.93	0.99	0.59	0.73	0.73	1.11	0.57	0.68	0.68
South Africa	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.39	0.26	0.80	0.80	0.09	0.06	0.20	0.20
Sudan	0.78	0.77	0.74	0.64	0.60	0.68	0.68	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.50
Others	5.28	5.33	5.42	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.94	4.75	4.83	4.95	5.09

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1982/83	Area Prel. 1983/84	Area Proj. 1984/85	Yield 1982/83	Yield Prel. 1983/84	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Yield 1984/85 Proj. Mar.	Production 1982/83	Production Prel. 1983/84	Production 1984/85 Proj. Feb.	Production 1984/85 Proj. Mar.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	13.30	13.13	14.04	1.24	1.17	1.20	1.23	16.52	15.42	16.75	17.28
United States	1.91	1.24	1.49	1.27	1.17	1.14	1.14	2.42	1.45	1.70	1.70
Total Foreign	11.39	11.89	12.54	1.24	1.17	1.20	1.24	14.10	13.97	15.05	15.58
Argentina	1.90	1.99	2.33	1.21	1.11	1.20	1.29	2.30	2.20	2.80	3.00
China	0.81	0.82	0.83	1.58	1.68	1.76	2.06	1.29	1.37	1.45	1.70
EC-10	0.34	0.50	0.60	2.22	2.01	1.84	1.84	0.75	0.99	1.11	1.11
East Europe	1.20	1.12	1.13	1.81	1.74	1.85	1.85	2.18	1.96	2.09	2.09
Spain	0.87	0.91	1.00	0.86	0.74	0.96	0.99	0.75	0.67	0.94	1.00
USSR	4.25	4.27	4.00	1.26	1.18	1.13	1.13	5.34	5.04	4.50	4.50
Others	2.01	2.28	2.66	0.75	0.76	0.81	0.82	1.50	1.73	2.16	2.19
RAPESEED											
World	12.36	12.61	13.47	1.20	1.13	1.19	1.21	14.78	14.23	16.06	16.27
Total Foreign	12.36	12.61	13.47	1.20	1.13	1.19	1.21	14.78	14.23	16.06	16.27
Canada	1.78	2.33	2.99	1.25	1.13	1.09	1.09	2.23	2.63	3.25	3.25
China	4.12	3.67	3.40	1.37	1.17	1.18	1.23	5.66	4.29	4.00	4.19
EC-10	1.01	1.11	1.17	2.62	2.21	2.95	2.96	2.66	2.45	3.45	3.46
East Europe	0.59	0.60	0.78	1.81	2.21	2.18	2.18	1.07	1.33	1.71	1.71
India	3.83	3.89	4.00	0.58	0.66	0.65	0.65	2.21	2.57	2.60	2.60
Others	1.03	1.01	1.12	0.94	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.96	1.05	1.06
FLAXSEED											
World	4.62	4.25	4.56	0.56	0.53	0.50	0.50	2.57	2.24	2.29	2.29
United States	0.30	0.24	0.22	0.88	0.74	0.82	0.82	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.18
Total Foreign	4.32	4.01	4.34	0.53	0.51	0.49	0.49	2.31	2.06	2.11	2.11
Argentina	0.86	0.77	0.65	0.89	0.91	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.70	0.50	0.50
Canada	0.63	0.43	0.70	1.20	1.04	0.96	0.96	0.75	0.45	0.68	0.68
India	1.40	1.47	1.50	0.27	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.38	0.44	0.48	0.48
USSR	1.13	1.06	1.19	0.13	0.22	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.23	0.22	0.22
Others	0.30	0.28	0.30	0.88	0.83	0.81	0.81	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.24
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	131.82	129.51	136.69	1.30	1.24	1.30	1.31	171.96	160.29	177.17	179.73
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.47	3.96	4.65	4.65
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.79	2.03	2.12	2.10
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	178.22	166.28	183.94	186.48
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.62	6.35	6.95	6.94

* Not included in total oilseeds.

ARGENTINA

The following article on Argentina presents comparisons of 5-year (1980/81-1984/85) patterns in harvested area, yield and production for grains and oilseeds crops.

WHEAT: Harvested area has varied widely over the last five years. Following a sharp up swing in the early 1980s, area declined substantially in both 1983/84 and 1984/85. Harvested area in 1984/85 is estimated at 5.9 million hectares, down 14 percent from 1983/84. The large drop in 1984/85 was largely due to poor planting season weather.

Wheat yields, although highly variable, have trended upward over the 5-year period. Despite poor planting-season weather in 1984/85, favorable growing-season weather contributed to record setting yields. In 1984/85, wheat yields are estimated at 2.15 tons per hectare, 20 percent above 1983/84.

Wheat production, reflecting the underlying trends in area and yield, has varied from a low of 7.8 million tons in 1980/81 to a record high of 14.5 million tons in 1982/83. In 1984/85, production is estimated at 12.7 million tons, 3 percent above 1983/84 and the second largest crop on record.

COARSE GRAINS: Harvested area has varied little over the last five years. In 1984/85, harvested area is expected to be 6.2 million hectares, virtually unchanged from last year.

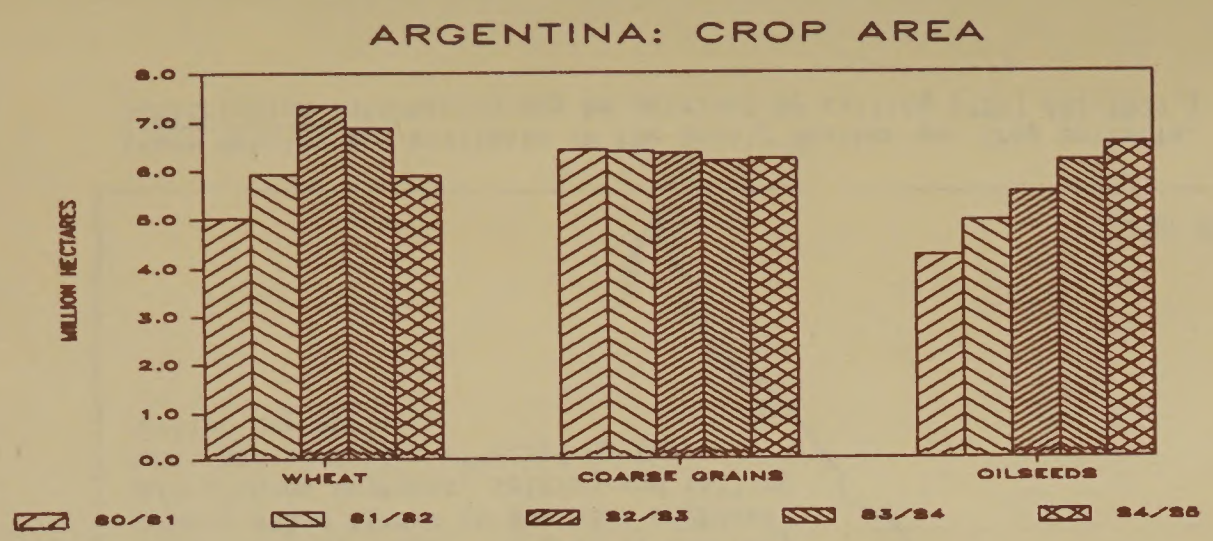
Coarse grain yields, like area, have varied only slightly over the past 5 years; the only large deviation was the record 3.28 tons per hectare harvested in 1980/81. In 1984/85, yields are projected at 3.06 tons per hectare, up 6 percent from 1983/84.

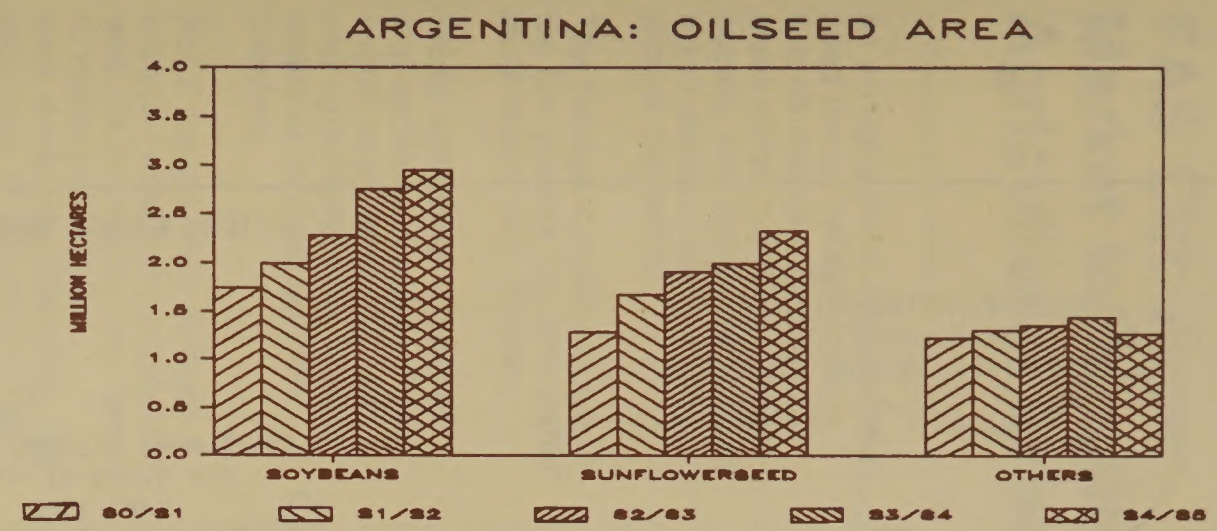
Coarse grain production also has varied little over the last five years, with the only exception being the record 21.0-million ton crop harvested in 1980/81. Production in 1984/85 is projected at 19.1 million tons, the second largest crop on record.

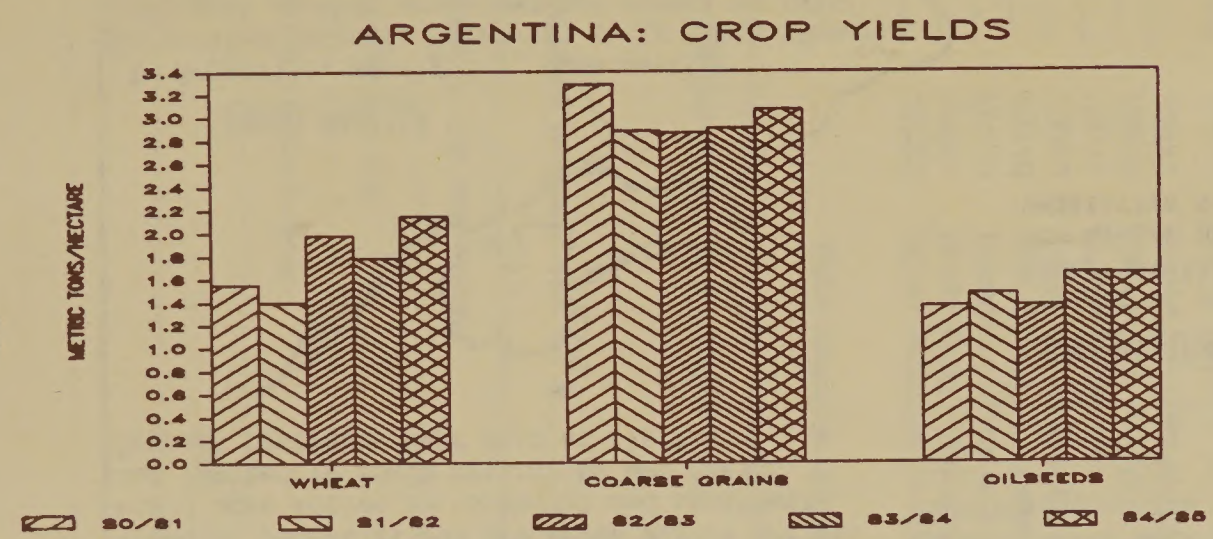
OILSEEDS: Harvested area has increased sharply over the last 5 years; annual growth has averaged 11.4 percent. The sharp increases reflect increased plantings of soybeans and sunflowerseed.

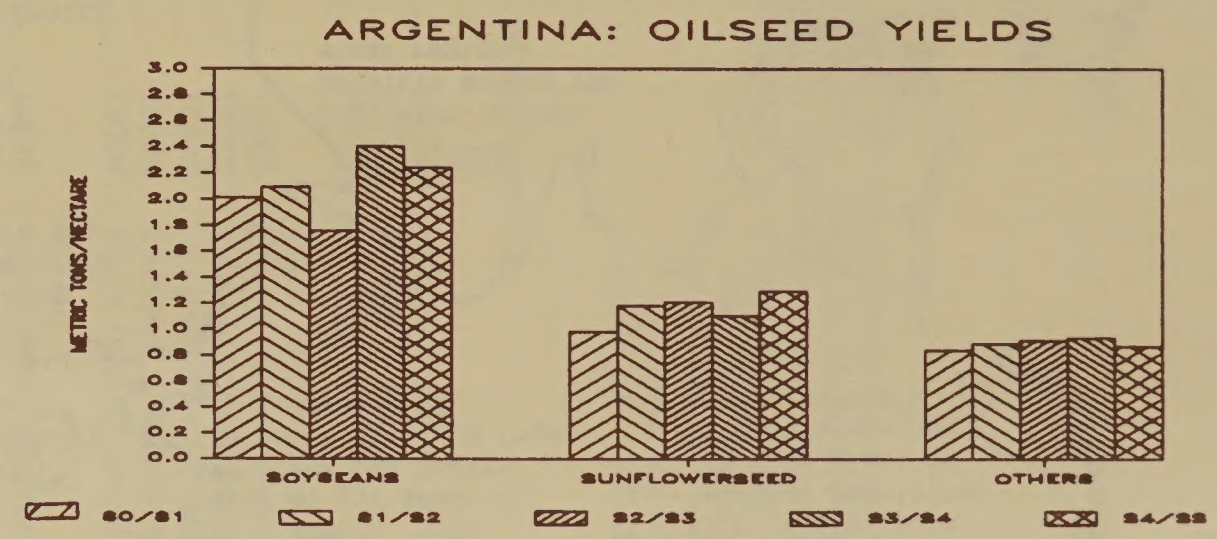
Although not as consistently nor as dramatically, oilseed yields--both soybeans and sunflowerseed--have followed the same upward pattern as area. The uptrend in soybean yields is largely attributed to an increase in the proportion of total area planted to higher yielding single-crop soybeans while the increase in sunflowerseed yields is largely due to a shift to higher yielding varieties.

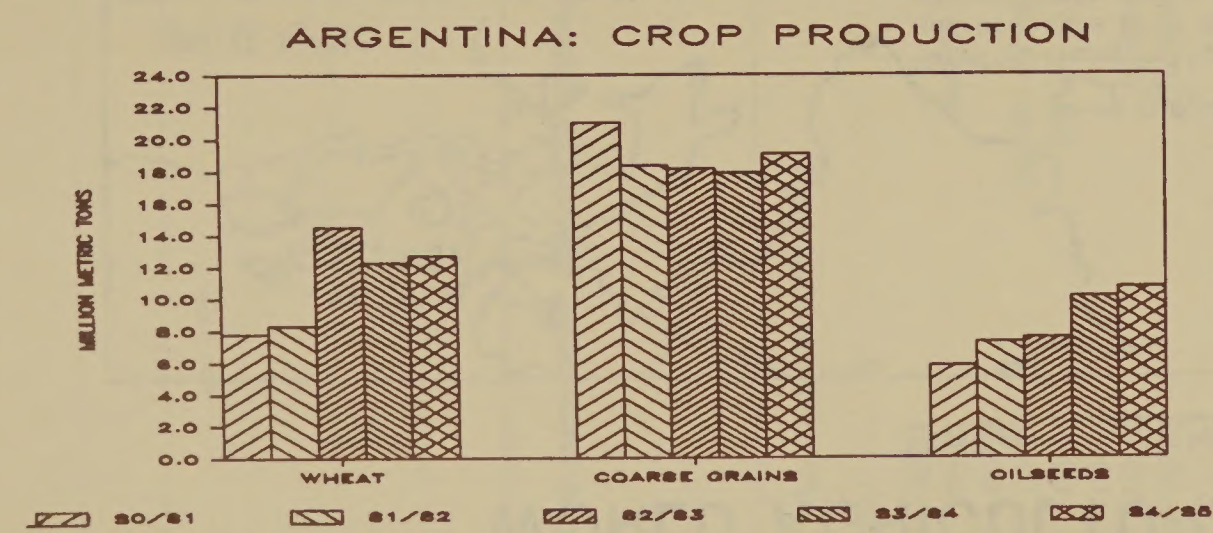
Reflecting the area and yield trends, oilseed production increased from a low of 5.8 million tons in 1980/81 to a record high of 10.7 million tons forecast for 1984/85; an annual increase of 16.5 percent. Soybean production in 1984/85 is forecast at 6.6 million tons, matching last season's record crop. Sunflowerseed production in 1984/85 is forecast at a record 3.0 million tons, 30 percent above the previous record 1982/83 harvest.











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